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FRUIT GROWERS WILL COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

Outdoor Gathering at Curtis Park July 24 Called to Consider Problems Vital to Canyon Producers.

Organization of the Canyon County Fruit Growers' association will be completed at an outdoor mass meeting of interested persons at Curtis park, near Caldwell, July 24. Members of the state horticultural association will hold a special meeting at the park on the same day. Transportation representatives of the railroad which traverse the state will be present to take up various matters relative to obtaining cars for fruit and moving the crop. Thursday evening preliminary steps toward the organization of the Canyon County Fruit Growers' association were taken. About 30 representative fruit producers, both men and women, attended the meeting which was held at the Commercial club rooms.

W. H. Hicks, director of the bureau of plant industry in Idaho, attended and presented the ideas underlying the proposed organization. Without opposition, decision was reached to organize an association and committees were appointed to that end. W. H. Stoenbaugh of Middleton acted as temporary chairman.

A committee of three consisting of J. J. Allison of Caldwell, A. E. Gipson of Caldwell and W. H. Stoenbaugh of Middleton, were appointed to draw up necessary plans for a permanent organization. Mr. Wicks was also appointed to this committee as an advisory member on organization. Another committee was appointed to present constitution and by-laws at the next regular meeting.

The outstanding purpose of forming this organization is to have Canyon county fall in line with what will undoubtedly come to be a statewide movement to organize fruit growers in each district all of which will be under a state organization something similar to the fruit growers' associations of Oregon and California. When the organization is completed Canyon county will be the first district to organize although some have temporary organizations and it is believed that these will soon form permanent associations. These districts are Twin Falls, Lewiston, Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene, Bonners Ferry, Payette, Washington county and the Blackfoot district.

SPLendid PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN THIS WEEK

Following is the program which will be given by the Caldwell municipal band at the regular weekly concert to be given Thursday evening beginning at 8 o'clock at Memorial park:

March—"American Habit," Scouton
Overture—"Morning, Noon and
Night"..... Suppe
Cornet duet—"La Belle Creole,"
..... Dalbey
Morceau—"Dawn of Love," Bendix
Waltz—"Española," Waldenfel
Selection—"Bohemian Girl"..... Balfe
"Star-Spangled Banner"

WILL ADDRESS CLUB.

W. H. Niemeyer, secretary of the Nampa Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Davis, also of Nampa, both of whom are officers of the Idaho Automobile association, will attend the Tuesday evening meeting of the Caldwell Commercial club to present their plan and purposes of that organization to Caldwell business men. W. G. Spaulding of Boise, president of the Ad club there, will also be present to give a report on the work of the National Ad club convention held recently in Indianapolis and which Mr. Spaulding attended.

DAIRY EXCURSION.

Canyon county boys who are affiliated with the dairy clubs operating under the auspices of the farm bureau, will hold an excursion July 20. About 30 members of the various community clubs are expected to make the trip. The Jersey herd of L. S. Dille will be visited where judging work will be done. Some good herds of Holsteins will also be visited. The excursionists will leave Caldwell about 9 o'clock in the morning.

Good Citizenship Urged in Address to Crowd Friday

Good citizenship as an antidote for anarchism, I. W. W.ism and bolshevism was emphasized by Frank Chase, representing the United Americans, in address which he delivered at Memorial park to a large and attentive crowd Friday evening. Dr. Frederick Vining Fisher, the leading exponent of the United American's creed in southwestern Idaho and reputed to be a speaker of unusual ability, was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Chase was substituted at the last minute.

Inculcation of patriotism and love of country in every person was the theme of Mr. Chase's talk. He urged that his hearers familiarize themselves thoroughly with the American constitution and that they take every possible opportunity to become acquainted with the fundamental principle of American government. He urged that more work be given in public schools to educate children to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

No effort will be made until after the election to perfect the Idaho organization of the United Americans because the movement must not be confused with political movements, according to Mr. Chase. Immediately after the November general election, a membership campaign will be actively launched.

Already, hundreds of the United American creeds have been placed in western school rooms. Next winter, it is proposed to enlarge the scope of work through the maintenance of a bureau in Boise with the object continually in view of encouraging Idaho people to take a more active interest in making and understanding the laws which govern them.

Mr. Chase was introduced by T. A. Walters, with a few well chosen remarks. At the conclusion of Mr. Chase's address, the Rev. Francis Cook led the assembly in singing America. Many slides depicting typical American scenes, most of them of a patriotic significance, were shown.

Close River Ferry

Water's Crossing to be Bridged in Near Future

Walter's Ferry over Snake river, on the road from Nampa to Murphy, will be closed to traffic between July 12 and July 17. The Department of Public Works has awarded a contract to Ed. Ashley to make borings and dig test pits for the foundations of the proposed bridge at this point.

The Walter's Ferry Bridge is one of the five Snake river crossings for which special appropriations were made by the legislature. Three of them, one at Homedale, one at Osweley and one at Pickle Butte are already under construction. This bridge, and the one at Grandview, will be ready for contract some time in August.

ASK INJUNCTION.

Petition was filed by a number of Deer Flat farmers in the district court Friday for an injunction to restrain the Caldwell Traction company from dismantling its McNeil line and asking the court to appoint a receiver to carry on the business. It is understood that in the event this procedure fails, another fight will be opened contesting title to the right-of-way realty in the event the line is dismantled.

Idaho Democrats Prepare to Wage War on Harding

(By GUY FLENNER)
Boise, Idaho, July 12.—Two Buckeyes, two editors—candidates for president of the United States!

One state is rarely ever so favored: nothing of the kind has ever happened to the tripod.

As a rule a newspaper man is a handy fellow to sit in the game and help win after the politicians have adopted the platform and named the candidates. Beyond that he has rarely ever been recognized excepting for such subordinate positions as it is felt must be handed out to make a showing for the purposes of the ensuing campaign.

There are two reasons for this. First of all, the newspaper man is not an office seeker. He sits behind the scene all the time.

Scenes and sees all the cant and hypocrisy that is presented on the stage, and he knows a lot of the costumes are phoney. Secondly, politicians do not want a newspaper man in office because they are too independent. They have views of their own and refuse to become subservient to trimmers and time-servers.

So Mr. Editor is hardly ever known in elective office. And then—so sudden—for both the great political parties to pock 'em!

It is possible, however, that in the excitement of the campaign the public may become blinded to the cardinal virtues of these editors and that the contest will become fully as embittered as though two models had not been selected.

In Idaho already the Democrats are arranging to launch a sharp fight on Mr. Harding, the Republican candidate for president, making a special appeal to labor and the farmers. Yet Harding was raised on a farm and knows farm conditions and needs; and he has supported the wisest labor legislation brought before congress, including the child labor law, the minimum wage law, the civil service retirement law, the rehabilitation of the industrial cripple law and the women's bureau of the labor department.

He is in every way progressive in among the strong advocates of preparedness at a time when we were being "kept out of war" during a presidential phrase-making period that came near being fatal. He also protested strongly because President Wilson refused to allow Colonel Roosevelt to participate personally in the great conflict.

The best political minds on the Republican side, zealous that Idaho, normally Republican, should go on record for Harding, point out the necessity, in view of the hard fight that will be made on him there to name the strongest possible state ticket. Any serious weakness there, they point out, would endanger the national ticket in this state.

The union labor of Boise, represented by the local trades and labor council, refused by unanimous vote to have anything to do with the so-called "Labor League" an off-shoot of the Non-partisan league. The Labor league was formed at the state federation of labor convention at Pocatello, which fell for part of the McKaig-Non-partisan league plan of politics. Many of the delegates to the Pocatello meeting opposed it as being inimical to the best interests of labor because of its partisan-politics aspect. But the political wire workers in the convention, aided by the non-partisan league leaders, put it across. When the time came for the union laborers to act on it, however, as distinguished from their politics-manipulating leaders, they refused to have anything to do with it generally and specifically here in Boise.

This is quite a blow to the expectations of McKaig and other N. P. L. leaders and organizers who had figured on union labor putting up enough at \$16 or so per head to make up losses due to farmers withdrawing from the league.

Mrs. Lucy E. Carns of Central City, Neb., is visiting at the Leveon home of Robert B. Carns in the Maple Grove district.

OUTSIDE TEAMS TO PROVIDE FUN

Independent Baseball in Order After Alfalfa League Disbands.

Independent baseball will be provided for Boise Valley baseball bugs after August 2, it was determined at a meeting of the Alfalfa league moguls held at Nampa Thursday evening. Determination was reached at that meeting to make no effort to extend the regular league schedule beyond August 2, the date originally set for the conclusion of the summer pastime. Following that date, teams will be brought into the valley for a series of games from other sections of the state to supply the demand for high grade exhibitions. It is planned to keep the loop teams intact until about September 1.

Boise virtually has the pennant cinched. Early season victories before the Caldwell and Nampa aggregations had sufficiently strengthened their line-ups to occasionally cop a game from Boise gave the Capital City aggregation a commanding lead. If Nampa loses next Sunday to Boise at Boise, the pennant is definitely Boise's.

Because practically every team in the league had bolstered its lineup through the importation of outside men, it was determined at the Thursday meeting to open the league to any men without regard to former residential requirements. Anse Cornell, manager of the local team, representing Caldwell at the meeting.

Efforts are being made to get a twilight game with Boise Wednesday evening at 5:30. If the game is arranged a good crowd is expected to witness the exhibition since Boise and Caldwell in every game this year have put up fast and interesting exhibitions of baseball.

Another Pioneer Passes to Reward

(Contributed.)
Notus—George D. Stafford, who lived two miles east of this town, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, following a long sickness. Mr. Stafford was a well known and highly respected citizen of Canyon county, and his death came as a shock to many of his friends.

He was born in Green county, Indiana, in February, 1840. He left home and started west during the Pike's peak excitement, at the age of 18, and following that time he returned to Iowa, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1862 he came overland with a large party and took up the business of freighting from The Dalles to the Boise Basin.

In the winter of '64 he went into the lower Weiser valley and Mann's creek to winter his stock. A unusually hard winter destroyed the major portion of his stock, and after his business matters had been straightened out he again started for Iowa, by way of the Isthmus of Panama. While crossing this section of the continent he engaged in farming for a few years, afterwards completing his trip to Iowa. During his stay there he was married to Anna L. Parkherst.

In 1875 he again started overland for Idaho, bringing his young family, and located on his present farm. Mr. Stafford served one term as Canyon county commissioner, and refused the second nomination.

He is survived by his wife and six children, who were with him at the time of his death. They are L. V. and D. M. Stafford, Mrs. H. I. McLaughlin, Mrs. S. G. Tucker, Mrs. Sam Collins and Mrs. Bert Smart. He also leaves 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the home, two miles east of this place, Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Meridian Downed on Home Lot 9-10 by Caldwellites

Caldwell's thoroughly rejuvenated baseball team trounced Meridian soundly Sunday on the latter's back yard. For just two innings it was a fair game. But in the third, fourth and fifth innings, Caldwell batters began to fall on Johnson's offerings and some timely hits, coupled with a few costly errors, contributed nine runs to the credit of the Caldwell team.

The game was over. Meridian was dangerous only in one inning. Berg, for probably the only time during the game, exerted himself and pulled out of the hole.

In the sixth inning, his ump, who was convinced that Caldwell had the game sewed up, began calling them with a view of ending the matinee. Three more innings failed to change the score and the game ended, 9-0.

Nelson Features
Aside from Nelson's great one-handed stop of a hot drive with a baserunner on third, the game was featureless. Play was rather slow and the fair sized crowd spent the concluding innings ragging everybody in sight.

At Boise, Nampa went down in defeat and the Capital City aggregation cinched the pennant. The only interest now lies between Caldwell and Nampa for second place. The two teams meet here next Sunday and on the results of this game, the final league standing will largely be determined.

Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m. the Boise team will play a midweek matinee with Caldwell on the locals grounds. Because of the stellar exhibitions of baseball that these two teams have put up thus far this season, it is expected that a big crowd will witness the game.

Legion Auxiliary Is After Members

AUGUST MEETING EXPECTED
TO AUGMENT RANKS OF
ORGANIZATION.

The first regular meeting of the women's auxiliary of the American Legion will be held Tuesday, August 3, at 2:30 p. m., in the lecture rooms of the Baptist church at Tenth and Blaine streets. The charter will be kept open until that date and those desiring to come in as charter members must do so by that time.

Membership in the Legion auxiliary is not confined to those whose relatives saw service and are not members of the American Legion. All women who had a father, son, brother or husband in the service during the months of America's participation in the world war are eligible for membership. A large membership committee was appointed at the last regular meeting of the auxiliary with power to obtain as large a membership as possible. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Fred Lilly by those who are interested.

Members of the auxiliary are anxious that the entire present membership be present at the regular August meeting. Various matters of importance are to come up for consideration and action.

Nonpartisans File Ticket for County

Canyon county non-partisans, at a gathering held at the city hall here last Saturday, decided to place an almost complete county ticket in the field. The county gathering was not particularly well attended, but enthusiasm is said to have been at a high ebb. Five county offices are without candidates.

Following is the ticket named:
Senator—S. A. Rhodes.
Representatives—Pat Foley and C. R. Peckham.
County Commissioners—C. F. Oelion, Henry Renneke and A. H. McCumber.

Assessor—C. A. Williams.
County Attorney—L. D. Hyslop.
Sheriff—Sam T. Rowland.
Superintendent of Schools—Hortense Stoddard.

County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Judge, Coroner and surveyor were left blank.

L. D. Hyslop was elected as the delegate to the state convention with H. G. Peckham as alternate.

The old organization of two years ago was continued.

Friday was court calendar day in the district court. Many cases were set for trial, the calendar being an unusually large one.

A marriage license was issued Saturday to Charles E. McGahan and Viola Broyles, both of Nampa.

BEGIN HARVEST OF SPUD CROP LATE IN JULY

Potato Problems and Prospects Aired at Well Attended Meeting in Caldwell Last Friday.

Harvesting Canyon county potatoes, will shortly be under full headway, according to growers in some of the more favored sections. General shipments, however, will not be made earlier than August 1.

At a meeting of the Boise Valley Potato Growers' association, begun Friday afternoon at the Commercial club rooms, the general opinion prevailed that this year's crop would not be so heavily as last year's from an acreage standpoint because of the prevalence of potato diseases in some fields and some sections.

That intertest in potato problems has notably increased as a result of the approaching harvest was indicated by the large attendance at the meeting, no less than 150 growers answering the call. Members of the association convened at the Commercial club rooms but, driven from there by the extreme heat, went to the court house lawn to continue the work.

Organization Essential.

W. H. McCluskey, a potato grower from the Riverside district and now manager of the Caldwell Equity, emphasized the necessity of organization and attacked the present inspection regulations for alleged inconsistencies as they relate to the grower.

C. F. Smith, another widely known grower from the Deer Flat district, gave a report on conditions which he found on a recent trip throughout the western states relative to the retail potato trade. He advocated some steps to the end that Idaho producers should get the same rice for their potato crop that California growers were obtaining for theirs. On the same subject, W. W. Bates of Wilder called attention to the fact that a good portion of the California success might be attributed to the splendid organization of California growers and their ability to enforce certain market price quotations.

Seed Prospects Worry.

Fear was expressed that because of the somewhat inferior condition prevailing in Canyon county potato fields this year, difficulty might be encountered next spring in obtaining sufficient quantities of high class seed. Problems relating to obtaining refrigerator cars were thoroughly discussed, an optimistic note prevailing relative to shipping matters.

H. A. Lyon of the bureau of markets talked of price conditions and potato inspection. He said that 90 per cent of the Idaho potatoes last year graded number one, about 6 per cent; number two and the remainder no grade. Mr. Lyon emphasizes the value of the grading. W. F. Allewalt assured the members that 10 of the best inspectors in the state would be obtained, making the inspection service this year at least 25 per cent more efficient than last year.

LAUDS DAN BANKS

GUY BOWERMAN PRAISES CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER

Boise, Ida., July 12.—D. F. Banks, newspaper man, now in the department of finance of Idaho, who is a candidate for state treasurer, has received a letter from Guy E. Bowerman, now general secretary of the American Bankers association, and formerly bank commissioner of Idaho, in which Banks receives a strong boost.

"It gives me more than ordinary pleasure to say that I believe you are eminently qualified in every respect for the office of state treasurer," writes Mr. Bowerman. "With your knowledge and experience I believe you will take to that office many things which will be beneficial, and when you are elected I am sure there will not be any adverse criticism as to the manner in which you will conduct it."

Mr. Banks is a former service man, and above all, an editor—and editors seem to be a bit more popular as candidates this year than heretofore.

"THE SPIDER AND THE FLIES"

